

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 516
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2021**

INTERNET SERVICE IN BIHAR

516. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is framing any concrete plan to enhance internet facility in rural areas of the country including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide better internet facility in rural areas in the State of Bihar including Katihar district; and
- (d) the number of villages connected with internet in Katihar district till date?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN)**

(a) to (d) Internet facility is provided in rural areas by the Government and the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) through wireless mobile and fixed wireline connections in phased manner. As per data provided by Telecom Service Providers and field units of Department of Telecommunications, it is estimated that out of 5,97,618 inhabited villages (as per Census 2011) in the country, mobile wireless coverage has been provided in 5,72,551 villages. In Bihar 38,828 inhabited villages have mobile internet coverage including 1306 in Katihar district.

In addition to this, in its endeavour to provide high speed internet/broadband connectivity, BharatNet project is envisaged in all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages of the country including Bihar. In Katihar district, out of 235 GPs, a total of 233 GPs have been made service ready.
